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S.B. No. 1524

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1524:

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C.S.S.B. No. 1524

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the collection and confidentiality of information
regarding firearms in agency foster homes; creating a civil
penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 42.042, Human Resources Code, is amended
by adding Subsections (e-6), (e-7), (e-8), and (e-9) to read as
follows:

(e-6) The commission, the department, and a child-placing
agency that contracts with the department may not require an agency
foster home to:

(1) disclose the specific types of firearms that are
present in the home; or

(2) notify the child-placing agency if there is any
change in the types of firearms that are present in the home.

(e-7) If the commission, the department, or a child-placing
agency that contracts with the department has or obtains
information relating to the types of firearms that are present in an
agency foster home, the commission, department, or child-placing
agency may not use that information for any purpose other than
determining whether there are firearms present in the home.

(e-8) A child-placing agency that violates Subsection (e-7)
is liable to the state for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed
\$5,000 for each violation. The attorney general may bring an action

1 to recover a civil penalty authorized under this subsection.

2 (e-9) Information relating to the types of firearms that are
3 present in an agency foster home is confidential and is not subject
4 to disclosure under Chapter [552](#), Government Code.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.